

## **PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The purpose of the FFA Public Speaking Contest is to develop agricultural leadership by demonstrating the ability to present ideas in an organized and effective manner.

### **Objectives**

The student will be able to:

1. develop a well written manuscript.
2. organize and present ideas in a logical sequence.
3. communicate effectively with others.
4. deliver a speech and respond to questions regarding its content.
5. select an agricultural topic on which they want to speak.
6. develop self-confidence in public speaking.

### **Rules and Scoring**

1. The state and district contests will be governed by the general rules and regulations of the National Prepared Public Speaking Contest.
2. The number of state public speaking entries from each district is listed in the Guidelines under Allocation of Teams.
3. Prepared Public Speaking contest has three (3) divisions. Each division is a separate event.
  - a. Division I - Contestant must be a freshman (9<sup>th</sup> grade).
  - b. Division II - Contestant must be a sophomore (10<sup>th</sup> grade).
  - c. Advanced - Contestant may be in 9-12 grade.

**\*NOTE: A contestant may only compete in one of the above divisions in the same year.**

4. Area winners should be certified to the college representative and/or district MVATA president at least one week prior to the district contest or at a time specified by the contest announcement. **Four double-spaced typewritten copies of the speech should accompany the certification.**

5. All speeches must be on FFA or agricultural subjects. Division I must be based on the Ag Science I competencies. Division II must be based on the Ag Science II competencies. Advanced Prepared Public Speaking topics may include any current subject which is of an agricultural character (nature) and which may include agriscience and technology, agribusiness, agrimarketing, and international agricultural relations and agricultural communications.

6. **NO PROPS ARE TO BE USED for Division I, Division II, or Advanced Prepared Public Speaking.**

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DIVISION	*SPEECH LENGTH	TIME FOR QUESTIONS	DEDUCTIONS
I	3-4 minutes	3 minutes	Deductions of one (1) point per second per judge over or under specified *Speech Length.
II	4-6 minutes	4 minutes	
Advanced	6-8 minutes	5 minutes	

8. On the time limit for questions, the contestant and the judges must stop when time is called by the time keeper. (see chart above - Rule # 7).

9. Participants will submit the speech in the following format:

- a. Double-spaced typewritten on 8½" x 11" white bond paper with cover page that gives the speech title, participant's name, chapter, and date. The format should use 1" margins, a 12 pitch font (Arial, Courier, Courier New or Times New Roman) and follow the APA (American Psychological Association) at [www.apa.org/](http://www.apa.org/) or Chicago Style Manual at [www.press.uchicago.edu/Misc/Chicago/cmosfaq/cmosfaq.html](http://www.press.uchicago.edu/Misc/Chicago/cmosfaq/cmosfaq.html). Do not bind or place in folders, special binders or covers. Place a staple in the upper-left corner. Manuscripts not meeting these guidelines will be penalized.
- b. A complete and accurate bibliography used in writing the speech. All participants in the State FFA Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event should give credit to others where any direct quotes, phrases or special dates are used in the manuscript, in order not to be guilty of plagiarism. The Boards of National Officers and Directors of FFA at the October 1960 meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, adopted the following:

*"A bibliography MUST be included as part of the public speaker's manuscript, an direct quotes from any source of information must be marked in "quotes" on the manuscript and be identified in the bibliography. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify a participant. This applies to all events above the local level."*

10. As soon as the district winners for all divisions are selected, the local advisor will send the following materials to: Dr. Terry Heiman, Director, Agricultural Education Section, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102.
- a. Four double-spaced typewritten copies of the speech on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper.
  - b. A signed statement that the contestant's speech is the result of his/her own effort.
  - c. A bibliography attached to each copy of the speech.
11. The first-place Advanced Division winner at the State Contest will represent the Missouri FFA Association at the National FFA Convention.

### **Reference**

American Psychological Association (APA) Style Manual.

Chicago Style Manual.

# PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONTEST JUDGES' SCORE SHEET

Division I _____ Division II _____ Advanced _____		<b>Speaking Order</b>							
Name/School/Identification									
Items To Be Scored (see back for details)	Points Allowed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Content of Manuscript	200								
Composition of Manuscript	100								
Voice	100								
Stage Presence	100								
Power Of Expression	100								
Response To Questions*	300								
General Effect	100								
<b>TOTALS POINTS (Gross)</b>									
Less Time Deductions**	1 pt./sec.								
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Net)</b>									
Numerical or Final Placing of Contestants									
Contestants Number		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Judge's A Placing									
Judge's B Placing									
Judge's C Placing									
Total of Placings									
<b>FINAL RATING</b>									

\*Judges should meet prior to the event to prepare and clarify the types of questions to be asked.

\*\*From the Timekeeper's record.

## EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

### *Part I: For Scoring Content and Composition*

	Points Allowed
1. <b>Content of Manuscript</b> includes: .....	200
Importance and appropriateness of the subject.	
Suitability of the material used.	
Accuracy of the statements included.	
Evidence of purpose.	
Completeness and accuracy of bibliography.	
Relationship to agriculture.	
2. <b>Composition of Manuscript</b> includes: .....	100
Organization of the content.	
Unity of thought.	
Logical development.	
Language used.	
Sentence structure.	
Accomplishment of purpose conclusions.	
Spelling and grammar.	

### *Part II--For Scoring Delivery of Production*

1. <b>Voice</b> includes: .....	100
Quality.	
Pitch.	
Articulation.	
Pronunciation.	
Force.	
2. <b>Stage Presence</b> includes: .....	100
Personal appearance -----Poise and body posture.	
Attitude. -----Confidence.	
Personality-----Ease before audience.	
3. <b>Power of Expression</b> includes:.....	100
Fluency. -----Emphasis.	
Directness.-----Sincerity.	
Communicative ability.-----Conveyance of thought and meaning.	
4. <b>Response to Questions</b> includes: .....	300
Ability to answer satisfactorily the questions on the speech that are asked by the judges indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly.	
5. <b>General Effect</b> includes:.....	100
Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention.	